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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON US-SOVIET TALKS

FOLLOWING JOINT AMERICAN-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED IN
MOSCOW 2200 LOCAL TIME.

(BEGIN TEXT) US SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE VISITED
MOSCOW FROM APRIL 20-22. HE WAS RECEIVED BY CC CPSU USSR
SUPREME SOVIET L.I. BREZHNEV AND HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH
A.A. GROMYKO, MEMBER OF THE CC CPSU PRESIDUM AND USSR
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TOOK PLACE ON MAJOR ISSUES OF US-
SOVIET RELATIONS AND ALSO ON CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS
OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET
UNION.

IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS PARTICULAR ATTENTION WAS
DEVOTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF FURTHER
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MEASURES AIMED AT THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR AND THE
LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS.

IN THIS CONNECTION THERE WERE USEFUL AND THOROUGH DISCUSS-
IONS REGARDING THE PREPARATION OF A NEW AGREEMENT FOR THE
LIMITATION OF OFFENSIVE STRATEGIC WEAPONS. AS A RESULT
THERE WAS A NARROWING OF THE PARTIES' POSITIONS ON SOME OF

THE REMAINING UNRESOLVED ISSUES.

BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED THE INTENTION TO WORK INTENSIVELY TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT ON THE LIMITATION OF OFFENSIVE STRATEGIC ARMS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. OTHER ARMS LIMITATION NEGOTIATIONS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED AND BOTH SIDES AGREED, IN PARTICULAR, TO CONTINUE, JOINTLY WITH GREAT BRITAIN, TO WORK TOWARD THE MOST RAPID CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT ON A FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING.

BOTH SIDES EMPHASIZED THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO ACHIEVING PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE MUTUAL REDUCTION OF FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

DURING THE DISCUSSION OF ARMS LIMITATION ISSUES, THE PARTIES ALSO EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE FORTHCOMING UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT.

IT WAS AGREED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTIONS DEALT WITH IN MOSCOW.

AMONG THOSE TAKING PART IN THE TALKS WERE:

FROM THE AMERICAN SIDE: US AMBASSADOR IN THE SOVIET UNION MALCOLM TOON; DIRECTOR OF THE ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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AGENCY PAUL C. WARNKE; AMBASSADOR RALPH EARLE II, ALTERNATE CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. SALT DELEGATION; LESLIE H. GELB, DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE; AMBASSADOR MARSHALL D. SHULMAN, SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE; AND REGINALD BARTHOLOMEW, STAFF MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL;

FROM THE SOVIET SIDE: MARSHAL OF THE SOVIET UNION N.V. OGARKOV, CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE USSR ARMED FORCES AND FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE OF THE USSR; DEPUTY MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS G.M. KORNIYENKO AND V.S. SEMENOV; AND USSR AMBASSADOR IN THE UNITED STATES A.F. DOBRYNIN. (END TEXT) TOON

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